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HUMAN MEMBRANE ANTIGEN TM4 SUPERFAMILY
PROTEIN AND DNA ENCODING THIS PROTEIN
(Rule 1.53(b) Continuation of Serial No. 09/155,008,
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CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119

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Sir:

Applicants in the above-entitled application hereby claim the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 059571/1996, filed March 15, 1996, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

A certified copy of said Japanese Patent Application is of record in parent application Serial No. 09/155,008, filed September 14, 1998.

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